

Olde Mill Village Crier

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**Meeting is the First
Wed of Each
Month**

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**VOMCA Meeting: May 4, 2022,
7 PM @ OMHS cafeteria**

Vomca.org/events



MAY

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Check us out on the web and
Facebook:

www.vomca.org

www.facebook.com/VillageofOldeMill

President's Message

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As hard as it is to believe the OMSC will be opening in just 3 short weeks. I can hardly wait! If you'd like to participate in the upcoming fun, just go to vomca.org and click on the OMSC link. You'll find all the forms and information you need to join. Or you can stop by the pool and grab a pool packet off of the gate. Ace Aquatics has gotten the pool cleaned up and ready for summer and the Olde Mill Swim Team will be coming out on May 14th to help clean up the area around the pool. And if you haven't sent your membership in, it's late LOL. So get your membership in soon. It's going to be a fantastic summer in Olde Mill.

FOOM's annual Flea Market will be held on May 21st from 8 am to 12 pm. There will be lots of vendors selling their treasures and FOOM will once again offer Breakfast and Lunch for sale. The pool has bathrooms that can be used and it promises to be a great time. So, if you're cleaning out your house go to vomca.org and click on fundraisers and you can sign up from the Flea Market flyer. And if you don't have anything to sell, come on out and take a look at what other people are parting with. You could find that perfect something you've been looking for.

There will be a community improvement day on Saturday, May 14th starting at 7 am. There's a ton of stuff to do in the gardens, on the grounds and at the new playground. So, come on out and lend a hand and help your community at the same time.

And please don't forget to join your community association. Our dues are voluntary. Out of 1300 house we have 93 (one of the best totals we've had in a while) sign up for the 2022 year. The money we collect goes to pay the taxes on Barlowe Field, which is not maintained by the county but owned and taken care of by VOMCA, and to fund the community activities that are held on Barlowe Field, such as the Easter Egg Hunt, the Fall Fest, the Tree Lighting and Santa's visit to Olde Mill. We also support the food pantry (NCEON) and several other charitable associations. And while you're at it, come out to a meeting and get acquainted with your neighbors. We discuss what's happening in our area, we have guest speakers like our Councilwoman and our local police and we talk about the future of Olde Mill.

So, come on out and support your community in one of the above ways. Olde Mill is a great place to live, work and play. Be a part of it.

Chris Szverra,

President of VOMCA

VOMCA Meeting Minutes

Date: March 2, 2022

Place: Old Mill High School Cafeteria

Time: 7:05 PM

Special Guest:

Karen McJunkin – Elm Street Development: 4-story apartment building proposed on Granary Ct (off Old Mill Road). Property currently zone R-15; recently adopted development plan calls for it to re-zoned R-22. Rezoning would allow additional 84 units on existing property. Proposed location is not visible from Old Mill Road. No buildings would be torn down in the process; this would be an additional building in the existing apartment complex. Would still need to meet other zoning requirements (public schools, utilities, etc.) prior to construction. All units would meet handicap access requirements; a few would be fully accessible. Landscaping will be primarily native plants. The existing pool would be removed and a new pool installed in its location along with improved recreational (picnic tables, barbecue areas, club house) built on the property.

Several concerns (increased traffic issues, housing availability for seniors, removal of existing recreational facilities where the building will be constructed) were brought up and addressed.

First hearing on the application is Thursday, March 10th.

Old Business:

1. VOMCA Treasurer's Report:
 - a. Checking: \$3,078.06
 - b. Savings: \$1,591.99
 - c. LOC: Proceeding on schedule.
2. VOMCA Membership update: 82 members as of 3/2/2022.
3. OMSC Treasurer's Report:
 - a. Savings: \$523.66
 - b. Checking: \$4,873.22
4. OMSC Membership update:
 - a. Total: 37
 - b. Active: 18
 - c. Inactive: 19
5. Minutes from February: Reviewed and approved as submitted.
6. Update Barlowe Bolt:
 - a. 54 registered participants as of today.
7. Easter Egg Hunt: We need volunteers to assist on the day of the event. We also will need candy to give out at the event. We will not be filling eggs; everyone will be getting a small bag of candy and we will have special prizes for "golden" eggs. We will also have several items to be raffled off during the event.

New Business:

1. Pool Challenges: We have several leaks due to the cold winter. We are currently working on repairing the problems; until it is fixed, the water has been shut off to the pool property.
2. Community Day: March 5th; AACPD police are also coming to assist with the efforts. We have several projects around the park to accomplish.
3. Fundraiser – The Next Level:
 - a. Discount cards:
 - b. Ledo's
 - c. A-1 Pizza/Subs
 - d. Brian Boru
4. Advertisers for Real:
5. Connection to the Community – Newsletter: We'd like to get updates from various organizations (schools, etc) to include in the Crier. If anyone knows of any upcoming events, please let us know so we can include them in future Criers.
6. Community Concerns Update:
 - a. Community of "Thugs with Guns": Small issues blown out of proportion within our neighborhood on social media.
 - b. "On The Rocks": New location next to A-1 Pizza. No update on what business will be taking the vacant location in the 7-11 shopping center.
 - c. Elm Street Development: See remarks from Guest Speaker at start of minutes.
 - d. Speed Bumps: Question was brought up about adding speed bumps along Old Mill Road. Don't see this being feasible, but there is another traffic survey being conducted soon.
7. FOOM Update:
8. Kickball game for AACPD. Game will be police vs. police. Date TBD, but they have requested use of Barlowe Field for the game.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50pm.



So much to brag about at Barlowe Field!

Hello everyone please hang with me while I do a quick rundown of the month of April out in our park

We had an Eagle Scout Candidate (Rob Martinazzi) bring an army of helpers with him and completely recreate the back memorial garden by the basketball court, new everything including plantings and a bench with dedications on it. Thank you Rob and Troop 975 (located at St Bernadette Parish in Severn)

We now have a youth soccer league practicing on our ballfields during the week... and

We have not just 1 but 2 women's softball teams practicing on the field... and

The men's softball league has returned for what may be their 100th year

The teams coordinated together and prepped the ballfield for the coming season and all that use it.

Meanwhile, the FOOM/VOMCA volunteers started the preparation for installing the playground equipment. Lots of marking was done, holes were bored and this Saturday 4/23 starting at 8am everyone is hopefully going to join us to assemble and install the equipment. If you are not available that day do not worry about it, you can come on 4/30 or 5/7 and help finish up, or help move mulch, it cannot open until a layer of mulch is in place to make it safe. This is a lot of work and so many volunteers are helping but a project like this requires as much help as possible, so if you are only going to volunteer to help at the park one day a year this is the time to do it. And if you are one of the hundreds of people that now enjoy the park, like they say on PBS your support is what makes it possible.

Some of the very active volunteers got together at the park a couple of weeks ago, and they removed the old rotting plywood on the playground end of the Snack Shack above the bricks and installed brand new sheets of wood and some trim, it looks great! As I said, something for any volunteer, we need to stain that wood, and we need to replace the trim and bug screens on each side of the shack.

I usually do not like to talk about the challenges we sometimes face at the park but sometimes we must. We had an incident this week, someone took a can of spray paint (a horrible brown) and sprayed nonsense on the shack and some of the wooden structures at the park. Yes, we are reporting it to the police, and yes, we are reporting it to our insurance company, but the best thing we can do is come together with a positive attitude and make it go away. We need to repaint one of those bright green doors, power wash and scrub some brick, and sand some boards, perhaps replace a few, please give me a shout if you are willing to lend a hand with the playground, with the park, or with the cleanup. The community is great, and I refuse to let one individual change my opinion.

Randal Stites
President of Friends of Olde Mill
VP of The Village of Olde Mill Community Association
Proud resident of my community
rstites@polingerco.com



Rippling Woods Elementary School



The Rippling Woods Elementary School PTA and Book Fair Chairperson are looking for volunteers to help out for the Fair and Teacher Appreciation week!

If you would like to support Teacher Appreciation Week please sign up here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050E4BADA928A3FC1-teacher1>



Book Fair arrives May 5th and goes through May 13th!

Our Book Fair is in need of volunteers for the following:

- * Advertising * Cashiering * Decorating
- * Setting up the Fair *Packing up the Fair
- * Special Event May 11th from 5:30-7p.m.
- * Providing snacks and drinks for the Teacher Preview on Monday

Sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050e4bada928>

Or email our Book Fair Chairperson Moriah Haefner, at

Moriah.Haefner@gmail.com

To sign up for e-wallet or shop online go here: <https://www.scholastic.com/bf/ripplingwoodselemschool1>



Community Announcements:



2022-2023 SEASON TRYOUTS

Boys, Girls, & Co-Ed Teams
Birth Years: 2009 - 2016

MONDAYS
OUTDOORS
@ Barlow Field

490 Chalet Dr. W, Millersville, MD 21108

May 2, 9, & 16 6:00-7:30PM

WEDNESDAYS
INDOORS
@ Myers Pavilion

4300 W Bay Ave, Baltimore, MD 21225

May 4, 11, & 18 6:00-7:30PM

Pre-registration Required at
www.LFUnitedSC.com/Registration

Community Announcements:

FOOM FLEA MARKET FUNDRAISER



**Saturday, May 21, 2022,
from 8 am-12 pm**

Rain date: Sunday, May 22, 2022

**Location: Barlowe
Field/Community Pool parking
lot**

**490 Chalet Dr., Millersville,
MD 21108**

FOOD & Beverages provided by **F.O.O.M.**

We will have breakfast, hamburgers, hotdogs, & beverages!

For Information: please contact

Ms. Chris: mdwhere4u@aol.com or 443-852-2098



Quarter Auction

Saturday, November 19, 2022

Doors open at 6:00pm; Auction begins at 7:00p

**Howard L. Turner Post 276 of the American Legion
8068 Quarterfield Road
Severn, MD 21144**

\$5.00 (in advance) / \$7.00 (at the door)

(Cost includes admission and TWO (2) paddles)

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Lucky Ball, 50/50, Bake Sale

Food and Refreshments available for purchase.

Alcohol will be available for purchase as well.

To purchase tickets, call – Chris at 443-852-2098;

Or go online at VOMCA.org to use our PayPal option

Questions contact Teri Cunningham at 410-794-6278

Photos from Around Olde Mill 2022

Easter Egg Hunt

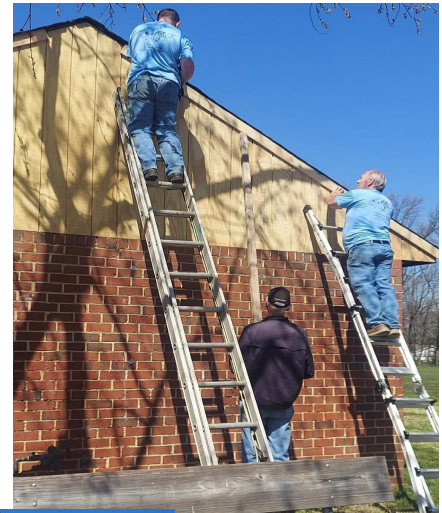


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Eagle Scout Memorial Garden Installed by basketball court.

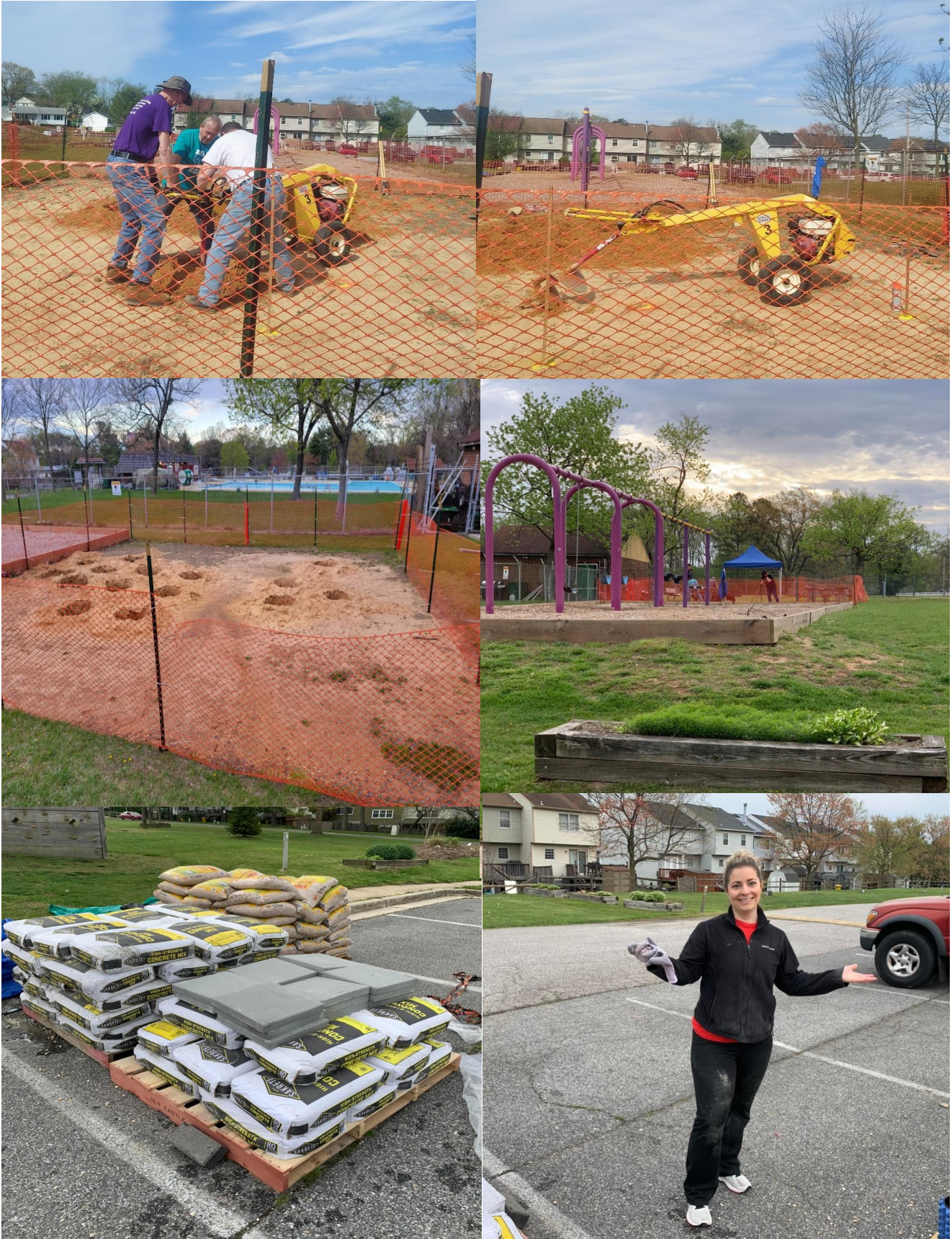


New wood siding put up on the snack shack by our amazing volunteers!



Photos from Around Olde Mill 2022

Playground upgrades



Olde Mill Swim Club (OMSC) Needs your support!

Join The Swim Club, Volunteer, or Donate! We Need You!

Did you know that we have a neighborhood Community Pool? When you become a member, there is no need to pay every time you want to swim, like at the Aquatic Center, or pay higher membership fees like the other community pools in the area.

Your membership helps us hire lifeguards for the season, improve the pool area, and host member events (some family and some adult only)!

Our newly renovated (2021) Snack Shack is very popular. During the 2020 season, we revamped the pool's top edge, including new tiles and coping stones, retrofit the pool area lights to LED, and replaced all the pumps! The addition of new shade structures is in our 2022 program.

Are you interested in joining? We accept new members all year! January through April are the primary months for renewing memberships and help us to better budget for any current or upcoming improvements.

Become a member in 4 easy steps:

1. Purchase a Certificate of Membership
2. Pay your Annual Dues
3. Submit a family photograph electronically (email it to omsc.membership@vomca.org)
4. Submit Emergency Contact/Procedure Form

You can fill out the form by downloading a copy at our website: Vomca.org and mailing it to OMSC 490 Chalet Drive, Millersville, MD 21108

Our Swim Season officially starts Memorial Day weekend! Meet your neighbors, sign up for the Torpedo's Swim Team, and help us continue our mission to:

- Sponsor an enjoyable swim team that also instills a sense of accomplishment.
- Provide a facility for exercise, athletics, and socialization.
- Maintain a safe, relaxing, and pleasant environment.
- Offer our members a facility for their private parties.
- Support other community groups through appropriate access to the facility.
- Hold enjoyable special events that reinforce the feeling of belonging and build a sense of friendship and community.

To learn more and find the membership documents, head on over to our website: vomca.org and click on OMSC Membership.



Olde Mill 2022 Event Calendar

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Wed 5/18 PCRC @ Eastern District Police Station 7 pm
Sat 5/21 FOOM Flea Market @ 490 Chalet Dr. 8-12 am
Wed 5/25 OMSC Pool Committee Meeting - ZOOM 7 pm
Sat 5/28 Memorial Weekend - OMSC Opens

JUNE

Wed 6/1 VOMCA Meeting @ OMSC Pool 7 pm
Wed 6/8 FOOM Meeting - TBD 7 pm
Wed 6/22 OMSC Committee Meeting - ZOOM 7 pm

JULY

Mon 7/4 Night Swim/4th of July Event OMSC 8-10pm
Wed 7/6 VOMCA Meeting @ OMSC 7 pm
Wed 7/13 FOOM meeting - TBD 7 pm
Sat 7/16 Community Day #3 @ Barlowe Field 7 am
Wed 7/27 OMSC Pool Committee Meeting - ZOOM 7 pm

AUGUST

Wed 8/3 VOMCA Meeting @ OMSC 7 pm
Wed 8/10 FOOM Meeting - TBD 7 pm
Wed 8/24 OMSC Committee Meeting - ZOOM 7 pm

SEPTEMBER

Mon 9/5 Labor Day - Last Day of OMSC 2022 Season
Wed 9/7 VOMCA Meeting @ OMHS Cafeteria 7 pm
Wed 9/14 FOOM Meeting - TBD 7 pm
Wed 9/21 PCRC @ Eastern District Police Station 7 pm
Sat 9/24 Community Day #4 @ Barlowe Field 7 am
Wed 9/28 OMSC Committee Meeting - ZOOM 7 pm

OCTOBER

Wed 10/5 VOMCA Meeting @ OMHS Cafeteria 7 pm
Sat 10/8 Fall Flea Market @ 490 Chalet Dr - 8am - 12pm
Wed 10/12 FOOM Meeting - TBD 7 pm
Wed 10/19 PCRC @ Eastern District Police Station - 7 pm
Sat 10/22 VOMCA's Fall Fest @ Barlowe Field 11am-3pm
Wed 10/26 OMSC Committee Meeting - ZOOM 7 pm

NOVEMBER

Wed 11/2 VOMCA Meeting @ OMHS Cafeteria 7 pm
Wed 11/9 FOOM Meeting - TBD 7 pm
Wed 11/16 PCRC @ Eastern District Police Station - 7 pm
Sat 11/19 FOOM Quarter Auction - American Legion Post 276 - 6 - 9 pm
Wed 11/23 OMSC Committee Meeting - ZOOM 7 pm

DECEMBER

Wed 12/7 VOMCA Meeting @ OMHS Cafeteria 7 pm
Sat 12/10 VOMCA Tree Lighting @ Barlowe Field 3-7pm
Wed 12/14 FOOM Meeting @ Ledo's Pizza 6 pm
Wed 12/17 Santa's Fire Truck Visit - 2 pm
Wed 12/21 PCRC - Eastern District Police Station - 6 pm
Weds 12/28 OMSC Committee Meeting - ZOOM 7pm



Current Officers are:

President: Chris Szverra 443-852-2098
Vice President: Randal Stites 202-441-1232
Membership: Lisa England
Treasurer: Chris Hilton
Secretary: Josiah John

Board Members are:

2022 Meghan Greenwell
2023 Paul Shafer
2024 Sarah Hakulin
2026 Colleen Flack



To renew your 2022 VOMCA membership or become a member

Send a check or go to vomca.org to pay your dues (\$25):

Mail to:

VOMCA Membership, 490 Chalet Dr., Millersville, Md. 21108

2022 VOMCA Membership Application

Please complete this form, printing the names of all members of your household who are 18 or more years old, and mail it together with your check, payable to **VOMCA, to: VOMCA Membership, 490 Chalet Dr. , Millersville, MD 21108.**

The membership fee for your household's annual **Dues \$25.00**

Names of Adults in Household: _____

Street Address: _____ Phone: _____ (Unlisted? Yes No)

Email Address: _____ Would you like to volunteer in the community? _____

Suggestions for improvements in Olde Mill: _____

There will be a \$10 processing fee for any returned check. Your membership card(s) will be emailed to you.

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PDF Flyers, Word Documents &

Pictures (tiff, png, gif)

webadmin@vomca.org

Eastern District Police:

410-222-6145

Useful Phone Numbers

Police, Fire, Ambulance: 911

Non-emergency questions:

Street Light Outages:

410-222-8610

1-800-685-0123 BGE

Water & Wastewater

Animal Control: 410-222-7582

Emergency:

410-222-8400

Trash Pick Up: 410-222-6100 Complaints

County 311...For Information

Northern Roads: 410-222-6120 Roads, etc.

Questions? Email:

webadmin@vomca.org

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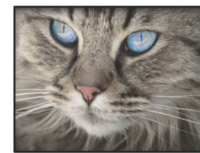
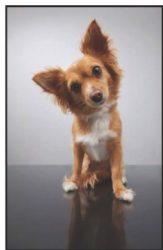


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Companion Bridge provides support to low income individuals or those who have fallen upon a recent economic hardship and cannot afford a medical crisis with their companion pets. In cases where an animal can be saved, we work directly with the veterinarian, striving to end economic euthanasia.



The **Companion Bridge** community contains on-line resources with links to board certified veterinarians, rehab specialists, vendors and educational information about keeping pets healthy.

Companion Bridge is a not for profit 501(c)3 that is 100% donation funded and 100% volunteer staffed.



Please help our/your community by making a tax-deductible donation to Companion Bridge. Every penny makes a difference in the life of your neighbor and their pet when they are facing a difficult time.

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 <https://companionbridge.org/>